

# 2001 Cost Share/Incentive Programs at a Glance

Program Name	Program Purpose	Admin. Agency	Contract Length	Eligibility (Applicant)	Eligibility (Land)	Sign-up Period	Evaluation of Applications	Cost Share Rate	Funding Limit	Notes
<b>CRP Continuous</b>	To protect soil, water, wildlife and to improve water quality	FSA	10 to 15 years	Individuals and/or groups who own eligible land	Cropland (cropped 2 of past 5 years) or marginal pastureland	Continuous, throughout the year	Based on eligibility, noncompetitive	50% avg. cost, signing incentive, practice incentive (40%), plus annual payment based on soil rental rate	\$50,000 per person per fiscal year	1, 2
<b>CRP Standard</b>	To protect soil, water, wildlife and to improve water quality	FSA	10 to 15 years	Individuals and/or groups who have owned land for at least 1 year	Highly erodible cropland (cropped 2 of past 5 years) or cropped wetlands	As announced by Secretary of Agriculture	Competitive nationally; environmental benefits/costs	50% of average cost plus annual payment based on soil rental rate	\$50,000 per person per fiscal year	1, 2
<b>CREP</b>	To improve water quality and wildlife habitat in selected watersheds in North Carolina	FSA & NCDSWC	10 to 15 years, 30 years, or permanent	Individuals &/or groups who own eligible land in Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, Chowan, or Jordan Lake watersheds	Cropland (cropped 2 of past 5 years) or marginal pastureland	Continuous, throughout the year	Based on eligibility, non-competitive. Easement required based on size and practice	Up to 100% of establishment cost plus annual payment based on soil rental rate and practice incentive, bonus for easements	\$50,000 per person per fiscal year	1,2
<b>EQIP</b>	To address significant natural resource concerns on agricultural land	NRCS	5 to 10 years	Livestock or agricultural producers and landowners	All land uses	Continuous, with periodic designated ranking periods	Competitive, environmental benefits/cost	75% of installation cost, not to exceed a predetermined average	\$10,000 per person per year, up to \$50,000 per contract	2
<b>FIP</b>	Reforestation, timber stand improvement, timber production	NRCS.	10 year lifespan	Private landowners with 5+ acres, but not more than 1000 ac. eligible forest land	Productive forest land	Continuous, with periodic designated ranking periods	Based on state and county priorities	50% of predetermined average cost; 60% for Forest Stand Improvement	\$5,000 per year	2
<b>WRP</b>	Restore and protect wetlands and riparian areas	NRCS	Permanent, 30 years, 10 years	Individuals and/or groups who have owned land for at least 1 year	Prior converted wetland (PC), farmed wetland (FW), riparian areas	Continuous, throughout the year	Competitive	100% of restoration cost + 100% of land value up to county cap. Rates for 30-yr. & 10-yr. are lower.	Lump sum payment available; value determined by appraisal and county cap.	2
<b>NC Ag. Cost Share Program</b>	Reduce agriculture nonpoint pollution and improve the water quality in NC	NCDSWC	Annual, up to 3 contracts	Landowner or tenant of an existing agricultural operation	Cropland or pastureland	Continuous, throughout the year	Based on county priorities	75% of predetermined average cost	Set by local SWCD not to exceed state cap	3
<b>NC Partners Project</b>	Develop habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, & wading birds	NRCS, DU, FWS, NCWRC	10 years	Landowners or tenants with long term leases	Cropland, forested wetlands, natural wetlands	Continuous, throughout the year	Competitive, merits of application	Up to 50% determined by project cost	\$5,000 per contract	
<b>NC Wetlands Restoration Program</b>	Restore and protect wetlands, streams, and riparian areas	State of NC	Not yet final	Prefer landowners with 5+ acres	All land uses	Continuous, throughout the year	Based on NCWRP restoration plan priorities	Up to 100% of restoration cost + 100% of land value	Determined by real estate appraisal and restoration costs	
<b>WHIP</b>	Develop grassland wildlife habitat	NRCS	5-10 years	Landowners or tenants with at least 1 ac. of wildlife practices	All land uses	April – August 2001	Competitive, merits of application	75% of average cost to develop habitat	\$10,000 per contract	1, 2

## Notes:

- 1) Contract length depends on practices selected, and option of applicant.
- 2) Maximum limits for each of the different programs are independent of each other. Federal programs cannot be used to fund practices on the same acreage.
- 3) Federal funds can be used to supplement state cost-share, but total can not exceed 75% of actual cost of practice(s) implemented.

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**\*\*\*All programs require a conservation plan. See your local NRCS and SWCD Office for specifics regarding plan requirements and/or eligible practices.\*\*\***